



MAIL STOP RCE
PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Takayuki ARAKI et al.
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Title: SURFACE-MODIFIED NICKEL FINE POWDER

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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August 16, 2004

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.

☒ This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:

(1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under §1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.

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, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the
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	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY FILED	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS BEING FILED HEREWITH	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	12	20	0	x\$18 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x\$86 =	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIM FEE(S)					\$0.00

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and
PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the
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☐ Other:

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The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) as required by
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☐ The applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one
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☐ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained
in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$ is
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- ☐ An extension of () month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the instant application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional () month(s) extension.
- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$770 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, and/or extension fees.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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